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1. Transmittal Form (1 sheet);
2. Fee Transmittal and duplicate thereof for fee processing (2 sheets);
3. Response to Office Action/Amendment of December 12, 2001 (6 sheets);
4. Statement of Common Ownership Declaration (1 sheet);
5. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and copy thereof for fee processing (2 sheets); and
6. Self-addressed itemized postcard to be returned upon receipt.

Please charge the \$920.00 extension fee required to Deposit Account no. 50-0326. A copy of the fee transmittal, a Petition for Extension of Time, and this letter are attached for accounting purposes.

Please contact the undersigned for any questions or concerns at (210) 255-4543. Thank you for your assistance.

Yours very truly,

Nadeem G. Bridi
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Fee Transmittal for FY 2002

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT

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920.00

Complete If Known

Application Number	09/544,399
Filing Date	04/06/2000
First Named Inventor	JOHNSON
Examiner Name	TRUONG
Group Art Unit	3761
Attorney Docket No.	VAC.561.US

METHOD OF PAYMENT

1. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:

Deposit Account Number

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Deposit Account Name

Kinetic Concepts, Inc.

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- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2. Payment Enclosed:

- Check
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- Other

Fee Calculation

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)

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Fee Description

Fee Paid

101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	-20** =	X	=
Multiple Dependent	- 3** =	X	=

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Fee Description

103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2)

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Fee Calculation (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	480	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	180	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	180	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____					

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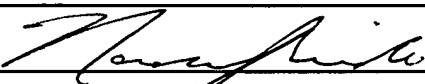
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